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Judge could assign ECOT control

By Catherine Candisky
The Columbus Dispatch

ECOT's sponsor has asked a Franklin County judge to appoint a receiver to take control of the troubled online school's operations and finances, saying there are "no remedies" to avoid suspending its operations.

Judge Michael Holbrook of Common Pleas Court has scheduled a Friday hearing on the request by the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West.

Lake Erie West has said it intends to suspend its sponsorship of the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow on Thursday, the end of the

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They're snow angels

Pickerington North football players Larry Martin, front, and Tyler Foster shovel snow Tuesday along Oakmere Drive in Pickerington. Team members earned credit toward gear by shoveling snow for residents on a day when school was called off. [BARBARA J. PERENIC/DISPATCH]

Good Samaritans offer hand to help neighbors dig out

By Mark Ferenchik
The Columbus Dispatch

Across central Ohio, people were helping one another dig out of the snow Tuesday.

It wasn't that a ton of snow fell — 2 to 4 inches through Monday and into Tuesday, depending on where you live, according to the National Weather Service — but it was just enough to make it a pain for people who needed to walk the dog, hike to school or get up a driveway.

And that snowfall, which came on top of snow already on the ground, was just enough to close many schools.

So there was 16-year-old Tyler Foster, a Pickerington North High School football player, who, along with his teammates, spent the snow day shoveling neighborhood driveways for free. Foster, a junior tight end, and his teammates are trying to earn points in a "Champions Challenge." As part of the challenge, teams within the team can earn

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POLICE STAFFING

City hopes to bring on 30 more officers

By Rick Rouan and Beth Burger
The Columbus Dispatch

Columbus is expected to add about 30 police officers to two recruit classes already scheduled for 2018.

Multiple city sources confirmed to The Dispatch that Mayor Andrew J. Ginther will announce Wednesday morning that the officers are part of the additional funding in the 2018 budget for a "comprehensive neighborhood safety strategy" he rolled out late last year.

Altogether, that would give the city about 100 new police officers this year. The

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GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Ohioans would notice effects of shutdown

By Jack Torry
The Columbus Dispatch
and Barrie Barber
Dayton Daily News

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and Congress are careening toward a partial shutdown of the federal government.

Although lawmakers are expressing hope that they can at least approve another temporary spending bill to avert closure Friday night, fears

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